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Venice, January 20. N. S.

A Great many Solemn Processions, as also public Prayers have been made here of late, for averting the Plague. Upon notice that the Emperor is resolved to send some Recruits into Italy, the Senate hath given Directions for a Body of Troops to march towards the Frontiers, and to oppose the Forces of any Prince or State that shall attempt to enter into the Territories of this Republick. The Bishop and Senate of Trent have ordered, that all Persons who come from hence, shall remain in a Pest-house forty Days. They write from Rome, that Guards are placed on the Frontiers of the Ecclesiastical Dominions, in order to hinder any Persons or Goods from coming out of Germany, without performing their Quarentine; and the Letters which they receive from the Empire are Perfumed, as is likewise done here. Great numbers of People die in that City, but there hath not yet appear'd any Sign of an Infectious Distemper in the Bodies that have been opened. The Cardinals Negroni and Tomosi are lately dead. The first left Six hundred thousand Ducatoons to his Nephews, besides other Legacies: The latter left nothing behind him, and was therefore obliged to recommend the Care of his Servants to his Brother the Duke of Palma in Sicily. It is thought here that he died a Saint, and the Pope as well as several Cardinals have desired Pieces of his Furniture, to keep as Relicks. Monsignor Aldobrandini is appointed to go to France with a Commission, to desire that King's Mediation in adjusting the Differences between the Courts of Madrid and Rome, but he is to take no Character upon him. The Abbot Santini is set out for Brussels, where he is to reside in Quality of Internuntio.

Madrid, January 23. N. S. On the Thirteenth Instant Don Tiberio Carafa arrived here, being sent Express by the Duke of Berwick, with an Account that he had relieved Gironne on the Third, and was then marching his Army in two Columns towards Hostalrie; that Count Tilly was in the Neighbourhood of Terragona with a considerable Force to act in Conjunction with him, and that Marshal Staremborg had abandon'd Cervera, Tarraga, and Agramont, and was retiring with his Troops towards Barcelona. Upon this News the King hath conferred the Order of the Golden Fleece upon the Governor of Gironne, and hath made Don Tiberio Carafa a Lieutenant-General. His Majesty hath publish'd a Decree, promising a general Pardon to all the Catalans that will accept of it within the term of two Months, with Restitution to those whose Goods have been Confiscated. The Duke de Frias, Constable of Castile, died on the 20th, and the next day was interr'd in the Church of the Trinity Friars. The Dutchess his Widow hath desired to enjoy the Profits of his Land during her Life, but her Son, being at present with his Imperial Majesty, the King hath resolved to put the next in Blood into Possession of his Estate, till Affairs of that kind are settled by the Treaty for a general Peace. The Duke of Escalona is made Steward of the Household, in the room of the deceased Constable. The Count of Onata, Son to the Duke of Medina Sidonia, is banish'd Six Leagues from Madrid, for beating some Custom-house Officers, who would have stopped him, and searched his Coach at the Gates of this City. Our Army is at present on the Frontiers of Catalonia, ready to join that of France. Both to-

gether will consist of Fifty thousand Men, and all possible Care is taken to provide for their Subsistence.

Berlin, January 27. N. S. The Eighteenth being the Anniversary of the King of Prussia's Coronation, was celebrated here with great Solemnity, and his Majesty received the Compliments of the Nobility and Persons of Distinction on that Occasion. It is said the Czar intends to go very soon into Poland, in order to which fresh Horses are laid upon the Road of Oranienbourg and Cultrih, and the Muscovite Envoy at this Court hath likewise caused twelve Sledges to be made for that Journey. Two Days ago a Courier arrived here from Bender, who delivered some Letters to his Majesty, and to the Swedish Minister, after which he went on to Hambourgh. Letters from Warsaw bring an Account, that a great Body of Tartars was ready to make an Irruption into Ukraine and Poland, and that they waited only till the Rivers they must pass were entirely frozen. The same Advices add, that General Czeremetoff is already retired with the Troops under his Command, from Smolensko into Lithuania.

Hanover, January 31. N. S. Upon notice of the Czar's Intention to pass by this Place, Prince Lewis of Wolfenbuttel sent a Compliment to him, by a Gentleman, who arriv'd here some Days ago: But it being now uncertain whether his Majesty continues his Resolution of coming hither, the Gentleman went away this Morning to attend him in whatever Place he may be. We have received Advice from Holstein, that General Steinbock had gained two Days march of the Confederate Army and intended, as was supposed, to retire by Frederickstad towards Poland, that the Muscovites being informed of his Design, had detach'd Two thousand Men to seize a Post, by which he must necessarily pass in his Retreat.

Brussels, February 6. N. S. Five Battalions of the Troops of Hanover, with two Regiments of Dragoons, which were Quarter'd on the River Demer in Brabant, are march'd homewards, in pursuance of Orders they had received to that purpose from his Electoral Highness. Directions are given for Eleven Squadrons of Imperial Horse and Dragoons, which have their Winter Quarters in the Bishoprick of Hildesheim, to be in a readiness to march towards Pomerania upon the first Notice.

Utrecht, Feb. 9. N. S. On the 2d Instant, the Plenipotentiaries of France and the States General were together in Conference with those of Her Majesty. The next Morning the Imperial Ministers were with their Lordships, in order to procure a second Meeting with those of France, and the same Afternoon their Lordships had three several Conferences with the Imperial, French and Dutch Ministers. On the 4th the Plenipotentiaries of France and Prussia met for the first time at the Lord Privy Seal's House. Those of the Emperor and the Queen have lately had several Conferences together, in which Count Sinzendorff hath opened himself in such a manner, in relation to the Peace, as seems to bring that Great Work very near a Conclusion. A considerable Progress hath been made in the Affair of evacuating Catalonia, tho' at present it is at a stand till the French Ministers receive a Courier from their Court, which they daily expect. On Sunday Night the Earl of Strafford went to the Hague, and this Evening he returned hither. Prince Kurskin, Ambassador from the Czar to the States General, is come to this Place.

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